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FOR QUANTIFYING THE
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CONFIGURATIONS IN A
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INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT
LAYOUT

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In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2002, please amend the patent application as follows:

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